A.L.F. ACTION REPORTS. NO.I DECEMBER 1983.

Reports of recent actions by the Animal Liberation Front and other similar groups. All actions have taken place in England unless otherwise stated.

July 30th 1983, Cape Town, South Africa.

Anti-vivisection slogans were spray-painted on a University of Cape Town Medical School Building and a vehicle belonging to the Medical school.

The Animal Rights Movement claimed responsibility and an anonymous caller claiming to be a member of a group told the Cape Argus Newspaper, 'We have daubed their trucks and walls. We know people don't know what goes on behind the walls there so it is up to us to mobilise public opinion.' The slogans included 'Animals Die Here' and 'Stop Vivisection'. Locks on the truck which transported animals were also blocked up with glue.

The ARM had previously claimed responsibility for defacing the premises of ivory and fur shops in Cape Town.

Liverpool. September.16.1983.

Animal rights activist Brian Swales charged with arson after being arrested for throwing a smoke bomb into a Fur shop, causing several thousand pounds worth of damage.

Donations towards his legal costs should be sent to A.L.F. Supporters Group, Box 190, Peace News, 8. Elm Avenue, Nottingham NG3. 4GF, England,

MID SEPTEMBER 1983, HAMPSTEAD, NORTH LONDON.

4 butchers shops and a hamburger shop daubed with "Meat Means Murder" slogans.

SEPTEMBER 25th 1983, RUGBY.

Animal Rights campaigners caused hundreds of pounds worth of damage in a series of attacks on Rugby Town Centre shops involved in animal exploitation.

A total of 9 shops fell victim to the raid which left doorlocks damaged beyond repair. In a phone call to a local paper, one of the raiders, a member of the newly formed Midlands Animal Liberation Group said: "If people dont listen to us - we have to take action. This was our first hit on the region. It was a planned attack."

He said that four activists had caused damage to doorlocks at nine shops, chiefly butchers and other stores "promoting bloodsports".

One Rugby locksmith was called to four butchers shops to assist staff to gain entry.
Two of the butchers shops affected by the raid were Dewhursts Ltd and Baxters, both of Church Street, Rugby.
Both shops had to call in locksmiths and the manager of Baxters said:
"The cost of replacing security locks could be more than £50.
The spokesman for the activists said that the raid would cause inconvenience to local animal exploiters.
"Something needed to be done - we have to make people aware of the abuse caused to animals."
He added that the group - formed two months ago - planned a series of attacks on other Midland towns.

SEPTEMBER 25th 1983, BOURNEMOUTH

The Animal Liberation Front threatened to burn down a laboratory at Ferndown Upper School unless animal dissection was halted.

The warning followed an early morning raid on the school when 50 mice were rescued and their empty cages burnt on the school tennis courts. An A.L.F spokesman told the Bournmouth Evening Echo ; "Pressure is put on children to dissect animals when they do not wish to do so. They realise it is wrong to kill or injure animals at home or in the street, yet at school they are encouraged to do so. I firmly believe the A.L.F will burn down the laboratory building if this school continues to restock."

A police spokesman confirmed the theft of 50 mice and the destruction of the cages.

The raiders also sprayed slogans like "Stop Dissection" and "Next time We Will Burn" on buildings and inside the laboratory.

The A.L.F added that, of course, they would make sure that no animals were in the laboratory before burning it down.

SEPTEMBER 27th 1983, LANCASHIRE.

30 hens rescued from a battery farm in Boldheath, St Helens, by A.L.F activists. The raiders cut through a wire mesh fence to reach the battery units where the birds were imprisoned in small cages.

The A.L.F group then left their calling card on the walls of the building ... "Animal Liberation Front" daubed in large letters. And in an anonymous phone call to a local paper, one of the raiders said that the hens where "On their way to a good home".

The rescue follows another raid at a battery farm in the same area several weeks ago.

28th September 1983 - Liverpool.

ALF members smashed windows of Baray Fur Shop - damage caused in the region of £400.

OCTOBER 1st 1983, DOWNE, KENT.

On the night of October 1st, members of the Animal Liberation Front carried out a raid on an animal experimental unit run by the Royal College of Surgeons.

Six dogs were rescued from the laboratory during the raid and these have now been placed in good homes.

An anonymous caller told the Bromley Comet newspaper that the A.L.F was fulifilling a pledge of more action against vivisection.

"All types of dogs, including alsations, collies, dobermans and poodles are being used, along with other animals there", said the caller.

At the Downe laboratory, transplant experiments are carried out on animals including the transplanting of artificial organs.

To gain entry to the laboratory the A.L.F raiders cut through a barbed wire fence and then got through a high security fence by cutting a padlock off the gate. A crowbar was then used to force open a window.

Two lookouts equipped with walkie-talkie radios were posted outside the laboratory while the rest of the A.L.F team went in.

Inside the laboratory the raiders saw five greyhounds, a greyhound - collie cross and several pigs. These animals were all being kept on a concrete floor with no food , water or bedding.

Cages were opened and the raiders took all the dogs except an alsation which had been recently experimented on and was too ill to be removed.

Four of the rescued dogs were obviously ex - racing greyhounds and the other 2 appeared to be former pets because of their behaviour.

OCTOBER 2nd I983. WANSTEAD, EAST LONDON.

A.L.F. activists ripped down posters advertising a circus on Wanstead Flats.

In an anonymous telephone call to a local paper a member of the Animal Liberation Front said ' we object to the way animals are made to perform cruel and unnatural acts'.

The posters for the Hoffmans American circus in shop windows were plastered over with Animal Liberation stickers saying 'the circus is no fun for the animals'.

OCTOBER 4th I983. COURT OF APPEAL.

Two animal rights activists convicted of conspiracy to steal after a commando style raid on a beagle breeding farm near Ross-On-Wye, Herefordshire, in which ten puppies destined for laboratory experiments were rescued, have been clearedby the Court of Appeal.

Rick Ferry and Aubrey Thomas were convicted at Hereford Crown Court on March 4th last year following a raid on the notorious Harewood Park Kennels but the Court of Appeal said that the trial Judge had misdirected the Jury. The convictions against Rick and Aubrey were quashed, and the suspended sentences, fines and compensation orders imposed on them were set aside.

OCTOBER 4th I983. SUDBURY, DERBYS.

Factory farm raided by A.L.F. Activists. Considerable damage done to fencing and building daubed with slogans.

OCTOBER 8th.I983 CAMBERWELL, LONDON.

A main window of the George Vincent fur shop smashed by the A.L.F. This was the second attack on the shop which had been paint bombed a few weeks previously.

OCTOBER 9th I983. SOUTH WOODHAM, FERRERS.

A.L.F. Activists daubed blood red messages across the window of a new butchers shop.

The protesters painted 'Meat is Murder' and the initials of the Animal Liberation Front across Meadow Meats, in Trinity Square, which was shortly due to be opened.

OCTOBER 12th 1983, LEA MARSTON, WARWICKS.

Animal Liberation Front activists from the East Midlands carried out a raid on a fox fur farm where the animals are kept in small cages in appalling conditions.

During the attack at Cocksparrow Farm a car and a refridgeration unit belonging to the owner were smashed to pieces and four red foxes, which it is suspected the owner was keeping for use by the local fox hunt, were liberated.

OCTOBER 12th 1983. HULL.

Staff at Hull furriers shop were confronted with a sticky problem when they turned up for work - animal rights activists had poured glue into the door locks.

An anonomous call to the Hull Daily Mail claimed that the Animal Liberation Front was responsible for the incident, 'Its in protest over the shooting, trapping and poisoning of animals for their skins and the inprisonment and killing of them in fur farms' said the caller.

The A.L.F. also stuck a notice on the door window of the S Blank fur shop in Ferensway which read'Animals need their fur, You don't'.

OCTOBER 13th 1983. KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

Members of the Animal Liberation Front smashed the window of the London Furriers in Newland Street.

OCTOBER 14th 1983. BATH.

A butcher shop in Bathwick Street was the victim of an attack by the A.L.F.

Spa Butchers had 'Meat is Murder' daubed on the windows.

OCTOBER 14thI983. ISLINGTON, NORTH LONDON.

Two cans of paint were thrown over the front door and walls of Biorex Laboratories, in Cannonbury Villas,— the scene of many previous attacks by Animal Liberation Front activists in protest against cruel experiments on animals which take place there.

OCTOBER 4th 1983. TIVERTON, DEVON.

A.L.F. activists staged a late night raid on Tiverton Poultry Groups premises in Blundells Rd.

During the raid slogans were daubed on the firms lorries protesting at cruelty to poultry during their transpotation and proccessing.

The A.L.F. responsibility for the raid was claimed in an anonymous telephone call to the Mid-Devon Times.

The caller said the raid had been carried out because of the barbaric way chickens were slaughtered at the plant and also because of the suffering caused during the transportation of the birds to the slaughter-house in very small crates.

The raiders also let down lorry tyres and poured glue into their door locks.

OCTOBER 14th 1983. ALDGATE, LONDON.

Animal rights protesters carried out a late night attack on a sheepskin warehouse, sealing the locks with superglue.

Their target was Goldrange Ltd in Middlesex Street.

After gumming up the locks on the gates and shutters they plastered the windows with stickers and painted the initials A.L.F. on the wall.

A caller from the Animal Liberation Front told the East London Advertiser ' we strongly object to the use of animal skins as clothes and want the practice stopped. Millions of animals are killed for their skins every year and its all unnecessary. Its not only the actual killing that is barbaric Its the way that the aniamls are kept in appalling conditions'.

Mr David Gold was awoken with the news of the attack at 1.30a.m.

Gold, who has run the business for 7 years said 'police called me, we had to get about 9 locks replaced'.

OCTOBER 17th 1983. CAMBRIDGE.

The Animal Liberation Front carried out a raid on research Laboratories in the city.

Two hundred rats and mice were taken and are now in good homes in the south of England.

The raid, code named 'Operation Benjamin' took place at Dunn Nutritional Labs which carry out painful experiments on animals as part of its research into food and diet.

Laboratory equipment was also damaged including a monkey restraining chair.

OCTOBER 17th 1983. UPMINSTER, ESSEX.

The Animal Liberation Front raided a slaughter house belonging to CIV Meats, painting slogans and causing several thousand pounds worth of damage to vans, lorries and a generator.

The group called the Romford Recorder newspaper and warned' This may not be the last. We will continue this action until animals are left in peace'.

OCTOBER 18th 1983. SOUTHAMPTON.

Animal Rights campaigners stormed a Southampton furriers exhibiting the latest collection of fur coats at a special fashion show.

During the attack on the Erics fur shop a window was smashed.

One of the organisers of the demonstration, during which two of the protesters were arrestd, later denounced the fur trade as immoral and extremly cruel. 'We want people to realise that these animals die in agony. They must be made aware of how the animals suffer and how many must die to be turned into a fur coat.

OCTOBER 28th 1983. PONTLLANFRAITH, MID GLAMORGAN, WALES.

Members of the Animal Liberation Front daubed a slogan on a Ritual slaughter house owned by Universal Halal Meat Services.

One of the group which had painted the words 'Animal Torturers' on the tiles of the building said later' we will not tolerate animals being tortured to death by ritual slaughter methods'.

October 27th 1983. Petts Wood, Orpington, Kent.

In the continuing campaign against vivisectors working for Wellcome Research laboratories at Beckenham, Kent, £1000 worth of damage was done to a vivisector's car.

The damage was caused by paint stripper being poured over the roof and bonnet. The vivisector concerned has carried out painful experiments on dogs and other animals

The Animal Liberation Front members who carried out this successful action notified the Press and advised them this type of action would continue and likely to be increased.

Wellcome Laboratories have recently applied for permission to erect fencing at one part of their perimeter during to recent actions by anti-vivisectionists. In the recent past, the Animal Liberation Front have damaged the property of several vivisectors employed by this notorious animal torture centre.

The vivisector whose car was attacked was John B. Kerry of St. John's Road, Petts Wood. He is a long serving member of Welcome Animal Laboratories and is not only a vivisector but a staunch supporter of it, frequently writing letters to the press in support of vivisection.

OCTOBER 29th 1983. LEA MARSTON, WARWICKS.

More than fifteen hundred animal rights protestors stormed the Cocksparrow farm fox breeding centre following a peaceful demonstration.

During a three hour siege demonstrators damaged cars, refrigeration units, fox slaughtering equipment and fences. Many of the windows of the farm house were also broken.

Police reinforcments from all parts of Warwickshire were called in and a total of 150 policeofficers were engaged in the operation.

One of the demonstrators said afterwards' peoples emotions are running pretty high and we would just love to see the release of animals being kept in these conditions'. He was referring to the factory farm conditions at Cocksparrow where Arctic foxes are imprisoned in small cages.

Demonstrators did manage to rescue one of the twelve hundred Arctic foxes which were being kept at the farm. This poor creature was very ill because of the bad conditions at the farm and had to be taken to a sympathetic vet for treatment.

Pamphlets carried by the demonstrators describe the farm as apalling.

After marching from Coleshill demonstrators broke through the police cordon and rushed the farm house with cries of 'Murderers' and 'Destroy the farm'.

For nearly three hours the police were kept busy moving from building to building in a mostly vain attempt to prevent damage. The farm manager Mr Nirbhal Singh Gill and others of his relatives huddled for safety in a passageway, but their fear was nothing compared to the suffering that Gill and his brothers, who own the farm, impose on the foxes every day.

Eight of the demonstrators have been charged with criminal damage offences and one with obstructing the police.

This was the second attack on Cocksparrow farm in the space of a few weeks.

OCTOBER 30th 1983, BOSTON, LINCS.

8 members of the A.L.F broke into Phoenix Poultry Farm and rescued 14 chickens, which were taken to good homes.
The raid was very well organised with plans of the area drawn out and getaway routes being decided beforehand. 2 members were sent into the farm 3 hours before the raid to break open a door of a poultry unit where the birds were being kept in intensive, cramped conditions.

OCTOBER 31st 1983, MARKEATON PARK, DERBY.

Animal Liberation Front activists destroyed fences, gates and signs which were designed to bar dogs from a Public Park which they had had access to for 75 years.

Various slogans were also painted against the high-handed attitude of Derby County Council who had banned dogs from the park.

October 31st, 1983, Islington, North London.

Butchers shops in Islington became targets for the Animal Liberation Front's campaign against animal abuse.

A.L.F. activists sprayed the slogan "Meat means murder" in red paint on five butcher shops in Chapel Market, a meat wholesalers in Liverpool Road and a butchers shop and a hamburger restaurant in Holloway Road.

Bournemouth. October.31.1983.

A.L.F.members entered the guards van of a train at Bournemouth station and took eight guinea pigs which were due to be transported to Leicester University for use in cruel experiments.

The guinea pigs had been supplied by notorious vivisection breeder M.R.Grayston of Ashley Heath.

On many occasions in the past guinea pigs being sent by Grayston for vivisection have been rescued from trains in the Bournemouth area.

End of October, 1983, Stratford, East London.

An A.L.F. group swooped on shops in the Mall, the main shopping centre in Stratford.

They poured glue into the locks at three butcher shops and stuck anti-factory farming posters on the window.

In a phone call to the Newham Recorder, a woman who refused to give her name and address, said the A.L.F. were responsible.

She warned there could be more incidents as the group stepped up their campaign in Newham.

October 1983, Bargoed, Mid-Glamorgan, Wales

The Universal Halal Meat Services' premises daubed with anti-ritual slaughter slogans by the A.L.F..

October 1983 ORPINGTON,KENT

Locks on the security grille of the Shiverland fur shop glued up by A.L.F. activists.This caused considerable delay in the opening of the shop.

Early November 1983 Newham, London.

Five Newham butchers shops were hit in a swoop by ALF activists.

Hard setting plastic fillerd and glues were poured into locks at the shops in East Ham and Upton Park and stickers plastered over windows.

Police at West Ham and Plaistow are nowinvestigating the attacks. Some of the shops have been attacked before.

The group telephoned the Newham recorder using a code word and claimed responsiblity for the attack.

They gave details of all the locations they had visited and these corresponded with information supplied by the shops owners or managers.

A representative of the group said it was a protest against factory farming. 'Christmas is approaching and 11 million turkeys will be killed for people to eat. We are violently opposed to the way the turkeys are hung upside down for six minutes as they travel along a conveyor belt.

Matthews Butchers in Green St., Upton Park was the first to be hit. They said that their shop in Stratford had been hit before.

'Plastic filler had been poured into the locks and we had to smash the door down to get in,' said a Matthews representative. 'The windows were totally covered with stickers proclaiming the front.'

Early November, 1983, Aldershot.

An A.L.F. snatch squad rescued a dog from a home where it was being badly treated.

The dog, called Ben, was rescued from a house in Lynchford Road, North Camp, after a heavy corrugated iron gate was torn down.

In a phone call to the Aldershot News, the A.L.F. claimed that they had rescued the dog and taken it to a good home elsewhere in the country.

The statement said; 'The A.L.F. has taken possession of a dog from the home of the Burningham Family in Lynchford Road. This is the second animal rescued in a year from the same address. The A.L.F. considers this family unfit to keep an animal as in the previous case of a rescued dog, this one has been examined by a friendly vet and the dog is now in a good home. The A.L.F. will take appropriate action against the family if they seek to keep another animal. It is our duty to rescue animals that are ill-treated.'

Ben is a cross between a Doberman and an Alsatian and is about one year old.

NOVEMBER 1st 1983, DERBY.

A chemical company which deals with and is in partnership with Analytical Supplies, which sells equipment to vivisection labbratories, had its premises daubed by the Animal Liberation Front.

A van belonging to Analytical Supplies was also attacked with various forms of damage, including slashed tyres.

2nd November 1983. Essex.

The Leroy fur shop in Romford and a fur shop in Dagenham painted with slogans by A.L.F. activists.

3rd November 1983 — Brighton, Sussex

A.L.F. activists attacked Sussex university as a protest against cruel psychology experiments which are carried out on animals there.

Locks of doors were filled with glue and anti-vivisection slogans were daubed on university buildings.

University campus was also plastered with dozens of anti-vivisection posters.

5th November 1983. — Marston, Cheshire.

A rabbit was rescued when thirty animal rights campaigners invaded Hy-line Rabbits Ltd. A company which supplies rabbits to ivisection labs.

This was the fourth raid on the firm in recent months, A total of approx. sixty rabbits have been rescued altogether during these actions.

NOVEMBER 5th 1983, BOSTON, LINCS.

A Boston butcher had been doing his shop up and the background of his sign had been painted and made ready for the actual shop name to be printed on to it. Much to the anger of the butcher, an A.L.F member got there first and painted: 'Meat = Murder' in big red letters on the sign.

5th November 1983. Cambridge.

Members of the Animal Liberation Front raided a Haverhill, Cambridge property and rescued five chickens kept in bad conditions and not fed regularly.

An indication of their bad treatment by the owner is that the raid was not noticed for three days. The chickens 'owned' by a Cyril Whitling of Kirtling Place, Cambridge before the ALF raid are now well and in good homes.

NOVEMBER 6th 1983. BIGGIN HILL, KENT.

Raid on a broiler unit by a dozen animal rights campaigners. Fourteen chickens rescued.

NOVEMBER 7th 1983. BOW, EAST LONDON.

A trio of butchers sustained attacks on their shops by A.L.F. activists.

Members of the Animal Liberation Front sprayed the shop fronts in Burdett rd. Bow with slogans including 'Meat is Murder' and stuck A.L.F. stickers on windows. Locks of the shops were also glued up.

Targets were Cockerill, Myers and Harland, the latter being attacked with the most severity.

An anonymous A.L.F. representative told the East London Advertiser 'We want to make it as difficult as possible for the butchers. We want to show our dislike and distaste for factory farming'.

Mr Stanley Bergiorgio, who works at Harland said, 'When we arrived on Monday morning the place was in a mess with paint all over the windows and doors. They had also put glue in the locks'.

7th November 1983 Cambridge

Animal Liberation Front activists painted anti-cruelty slogans in red paint across the front of Marrs fur shop in Rose Crescent.

7th November 1983 Shepreth Cambridgeshire

Members of the Animal Liberation Front painted slogans on buildings in an intensive pig unit to warn the farmer about conditions there.

7th November 1983 Cambridge

A.L.F. activists raided the Dunn Nutrition Laboratory for the second time in a month. Two large ground floor windows were smashed in order to cause the laboratory economic loss.

In a break in, in October, rats were rescued and equipment damaged in the lab.

NOVEMBER IIth 1983 BARTON, CAMBS.

A.L.F. activists daubed the wall of the Trinity beagles kennels as a protest against hare hunting.

NOVEMBER IIth 1983. UPMINSTER, ESSEX.

Both display windows of a fur shop smashed by the A.L.F.

November 18th 1983, Vale of Evesham, Worcs.

The Animal Liberation Front carried out an early morning raid on a factory farm which breeds rabbits for meat and fur.

In a phone call to the Worcester Evening News a representative of the Midlands ALF said they broke open cages and the Midland Counties Rabbit Co. in Knowle Hill, Badsey, and rescued 26 breeding rabbits.

The caller from the ALF that the rabbits were cramed three to four to a cage at the farm, but the ones that were rescued had now been given new homes.

He vowed the ALF would continue raids in the area 'so long as animals suffer'.

The rescued rabbits which constituted half the breeding stock at the farm were said to be worth £300.

November 24th 1983. Bournemouth.

Paint spraying A.L.F. campaigners struck at the home of Ferndown Upper school head of biology, Colin Gaitrell.

They daubed his car with slogans demanding an end to dissection of mice at the school.

The Animal Liberation Front have already staged three raids at the school in which a large number of mice have been rescued from dissection.

Gaitrell's metallic bronze peugeot parked on the front lawn of his bungalow in St. Leonards was daubed in red paint. A slogan sprayed on the bonnet read 'Stop Dissection'.

A shaken Gaitrell told the Bournemouth Evening Echo that he had no comment to make until he had spoken to colleagues at the school.

A.L.F. spokesperson Sylvia Bolt, who had told the Echo about the incident, warned that the campaign against the school would continue.

November 25th 1983, Oxford.

Twenty frogs rescued by A.L.F. activists from Oxford Railway Station where they were waiting to be sent for experiments at the human anatomy department of Oxford University.

The frogs had been supplied by Griffin and George of East Preston, West Sussex; A company which breeds and supplies many varieties of small animals for vivisection.

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